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Bennett, et al.

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Birefringence in a Fiber-Optic Sensor
by Use of Berry's Topological Phase*

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SEARCH REPORT IN A COUNTERPART PCT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents & Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 is a list of publications identified in an International Search Report in a counterpart PCT application; additionally, a copy of each publication is being submitted herewith.

The International Search Report was mailed on **September 3, 2002**, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of that date; therefore, no fee is believed to be due.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents, and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists. Nor does it constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Date: December 3, 2002

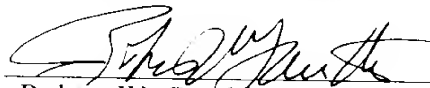
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